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## CLAIMS

- 1. Aerator for a plumbing fixture, said plumbing fixture comprising a water outlet (2), with an aerator (4), through which water flows, which is pivotally mounted via a swiveling mechanism and which is removably fixed to a forward outlet end of the water outlet, the pivotable aerator (4) is mounted within an outer ring (5), which is fixed in the outlet end
- 2. Aerator according to claim 1, wherein an outer side of the aerator (4) is partially spherical and is mounted pivotably with the outer side in the outer ring (5).
- 3. Aerator for a plumbing fixture according to claim 1, wherein the aerator (4) is mounted completely or at least partially within a ball or spherical segment (6) of the swiveling mechanism which comprises a ball-and-socket joint and the outer ring (5), in which the ball/spherical segment is mounted, is fixed in the outlet end.
- 4. Aerator according to claim 1, wherein the outer ring (5) has an external thread with dimensions that corresponds to typical aerators.
- 5. Aerator according to claim 1, wherein the external thread of the aerator has standard dimensions of M24 x 1 or M28 x 1.
- Aerator according to claim 3, wherein the ball (6) is formed by a spherical segment.
- 7. Aerator according to claim 3, wherein the ball/spherical segment (6) is penetrated by a cylindrical channel, in which the aerator (4) is placed.
- 8. Aerator according to claim 3, wherein the ball/spherical segment (6) is mounted pivotably within the outer ring (5).

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- 9. Aerator according to claim 8, wherein the swiveling mechanism on a side facing the outlet end has a sealing ring (10), which lies between an inside of the outer ring and an outside of the spherical segment or an outside of the aerator.
- 10. Aerator according to claim 1, wherein a cylindrical, bushing shaped region (12) is formed on the water outlet side on the spherical segment (6).
- 11. Aerator according to claim 10, wherein a channel wall of the outer ring (5) is shaped so that it expands outwardly forming an expanding channel wall region (7) and the bushing-shaped region (12) of the ball/spherical segment (6) comes to lie on the expanding channel wall region (7).
- 12. Aerator according to claim 1, wherein the outer ring (5) with an external thread can be screwed into an internal thread of the forward end of the water outlet (2).
- 13. Aerator according to claim 9, wherein the sealing ring (10) contacts a region, especially a step, in an interior of the water outlet (2) when the outer ring (5) is screwed into the water outlet and in this way is compressed.
- 14. Aerator according to claim 7, wherein the aerator (4) can be screwed into the channel of the ball/spherical segment (6).
- 15. Aerator according to claim 3, wherein an inner side of the outer ring (5) forms a concave bearing for the ball/spherical segment (6).
- 16. Aerator according to claim 3, wherein a cylindrical or partially cylindrical section (15), which is placed in a correspondingly shaped recess (16) of the ball (6) or of the outer ring (5), projects on an outer side of the aerator (4) as a bearing.